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Docket No. SMS920010002-US2
First inventor: Mark Verdi
Prior Art Unit: 3623
Prior Ex. Michael Heck

Sir:

This is a request for filing a [] continuation [X] divisional [] continuation-in-part under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/522,162 filed on March 9, 2000 of Mark Verdi, et al. for COMPUTERIZED KNOWLEDGE BROKERAGE SYSTEM.

1. [] As last amended, the title has been changed to _____.
2. [] As last amended, the name of applicant has been changed to _____.
3. [X] Enclosed is [X] a copy of the oath or declaration as filed in the prior application or [] a new oath or declaration.
4. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

<u>Claims as filed in this application</u>	<u>Number Filed</u>	<u>Number Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Basic Fee</u>
Total Claims	16- 20	= 0	X \$18	= 0.00
Independent Claims	2- 3	= 0	X \$86	= 336.00
Multiple Dependent Claims, if any	(\$290)			=
Total Filing Fee	-----		\$	1086.00

5. [X] Charge any fees which may be required, except for the Issue Fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0629.
6. [X] Cancel in this application original Claims 2-10 and 12 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
7. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: - This is a [] continuation [X] division [] continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/522,162, filed March 9, 2000.
8. [] Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
9. [X] The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____.
10. [] An appointment of associates is enclosed.
11. [X] Address all future communications to Anne Vachon Dougherty, 3173 Cedar Road, Yorktown Heights, N.Y. 10598.
12. [X] A preliminary amendment to this application is enclosed.
13. [] Enter in this application the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 which was unentered in the prior application.

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